

# TALON TIMES

***Mission:** Plan, direct and control all air operations in support of amphibious forces, and provide combat-ready-detachments to deployed Amphibious Ready Groups.*

**TACRON TWELVE**  
**OCT/NOV/DEC**

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# FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



**TACRON TWELVE**  
Commanding Officer,  
CDR Ryan "Flip" Phillips



## “MISSION FIRST, SAILORS ALWAYS”

There are very few accolades a command can receive that truly show the dedication, teamwork, and hard work of a unit other than one we received this quarter. Tacron TWELVE received this honor in an article from the Navy Times. One of the few times I would ever want our command mentioned in the Navy Times. The article was posted on July 6th, 2015 and it was titled, *The Best Commands in the Navy to Make Rank*. It listed the 20 best commands in the Navy where Sailors have the best opportunity for making third-class, second-class or first-class petty officer. Here is a portion of the article which showed where Tacron TWELVE was ranked.

### E-5, Petty Officer Second Class

1. SEAL Team 1, San Diego	100.00%
2. SEAL Team 8, Little Creek	100.00%
3. SEAL Team 2, Little Creek	100.00%
4. SEAL Team 3, San Diego	100.00%
5. Center for Information Dominance Corry Station, P-cola	90.91%
6. Tactical Air Control Squadron 12, Coronado	90.00%

This article captures the achievements of our squadron in so many ways. Furthermore, it was evident to me the one Sailor who did not advance was without a doubt ready to pin on E-5, and I meritoriously advanced him on 1 July. We concluded that cycle advancing 100% of our eligible E-4s. Congratulations!

We also welcomed Det One back from Patrol 15.2, and their success on deployment elevated TACRON 12 to a new level. Talisman Saber, as with any exercise, is extremely difficult to execute flawlessly and they conquered that challenge from the start. In doing so, they proved to the region that U.S. and Australian forces were capable of providing mutual and coordinated support at the largest levels of maritime and littoral combat. The detachment did all that while improving combat readiness in TACC with 17 new qualifications, 7 new Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialists, 6 new Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists, and requalifying two Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists.

I couldn't be more proud of our command, and I'm already looking forward to highlighting our achievements next quarter.

## ***TALON PRIDE!***

# FROM THE MASTER CHIEF'S DESK

By CMC TAYLOR

## Greetings Talons!

Welcome aboard to our newest Sailors:



LCDR GILL	AC1 BASS	ACAN BRYAN
LCDR JOHNS	PS1 SCOTT	OSSN REYNOLDS
LCDR THERIOT	AC1 ZAMINPA	ACAN SCRUSE
LTJG WILLIAMS	OS2 COWAN	ACAN WELCH
ACC CAMP	AC2 PACHECO	ACAA GARBER
ACC CAMPOS	AC2 WILLIAMS	OSSR AUSTIN
ACC PHELAN	AC3 MORELAND	ACAR SCOTT



**"Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."**

Colin Powell

**"You can't save them all."**

ACCM Taylor



## *The Ombudsman Corner*



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Email: [t12ombudsman@gmail.com](mailto:t12ombudsman@gmail.com)

***Hello TACRON 12 Family! We would like to introduce  
your new TACRON 12 Command Family Ombudsman,  
Mrs. Aften Richardson!***

After completing Baton Rouge Magnet High School for the Performing Arts, Mrs. Richardson attended Louisiana State University where she met her spouse, IS1 Richardson. Married for nearly 12 years, they share one daughter and twin boys. In addition to working as an Office/Resource Manager, Mrs. Richardson taught dance for over a decade. She is the founder of several community groups throughout the Greater Baton Rouge area including the Angels of Grace and Sickle Cell Anemia Youth in Action.

As Ombudsman, Mrs. Richardson will serve the women, men and families of TACRON Twelve with the same dedication and understanding she has brought to all of her efforts.







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the heart is*



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## The Ombudsman Corner



**Did your spouse recently deploy?** Don't forget that The United States Postal Service (USPS) offers **FREE** packing material to families of military members deployed Overseas! **To order call: (800) 610-8734. Press "1" (For English). Press "1" again (For Operator). Ask for the "Carekit04".**



This Military OneSource Navy portal allows access to Navy-specific news, resources and social media with a simple click. Navy's fleet and family programs provide a full array of services, information and tools to assist Sailors and family members in achieving personal and career goals as they excel in meeting the obligations and challenges of Navy life through resilience and self-reliance.

*Call. Click. Connect.*

[http:// www.militaryonesource.mil/ navy](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/navy)



PTSD is a serious condition that affects a growing number of wounded warriors and their families. To learn more about PTSD and find helpful resources or to access information on warrior care, contact **Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor** at **855-NAVY WWP** (855 628-9997), [navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil](mailto:navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil) or <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil>

## **FOCUS: Family Resiliency Training™ for Military Families** *Strengthening the Home Base!*

**FOCUS (Families Over Coming Under Stress™)** provides resiliency training to military children and families. It also teaches practical skills to meet the challenges of deployment and reintegration, to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together and create a shared family story.

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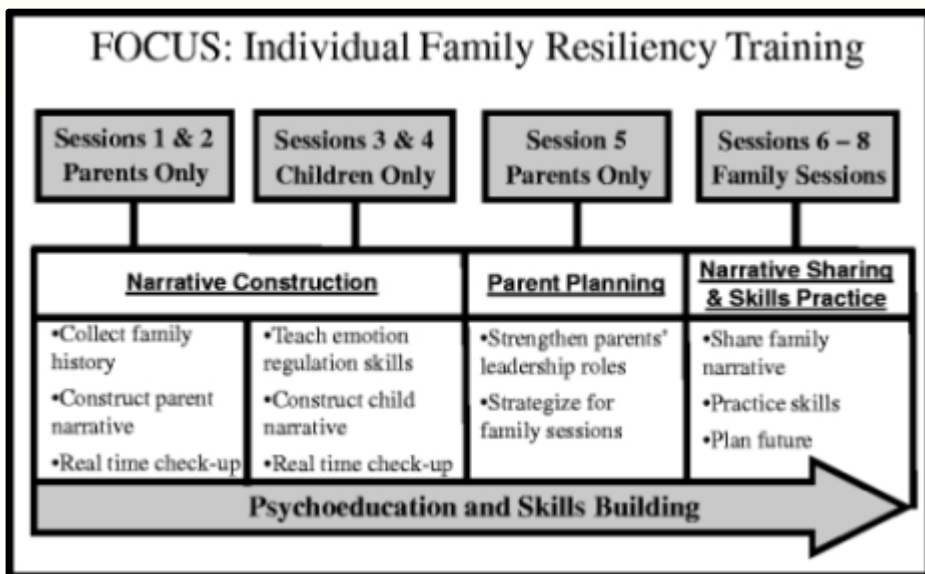
Naval Base San Diego San Diego, CA 92136

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## The Ombudsman Corner

# Fleet and Family Support



Meeting Your Needs at Home & at Sea

FFSP provides services through the Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) such as relocation assistance, new parent support, deployment services, clinical counseling services, financial management counseling, family employment services, family advocacy and the relocation assistance programs to assist service members and their families in need. FFSC has also recently opened a NEW SANTEE BRANCH!

**\*\*\*One Call Serves All!\*\*\***

For 24/7 assistance at any Navy Region Southwest FFSC, call 1-866-923-6478. For more information on Fleet and Family Support Programs, please <http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/families/ffsc/>.



Career Services



Command Leadership Corner



Counseling and Assistance



Deployment Support



Disaster Preparedness



Family Enrichment



Financial Support



Relocation Support



Retiree Support



Sexual Assault Prevention  
and Response

## Fleet & Family Support Center Locations (*Near TACRON TWELVE*)

Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Closed Sat., Sun., and holidays (unless otherwise noted)

### Naval Base San Diego

3005 Corbina Alley  
Bldgs. 259 & 263  
San Diego, CA  
(619) 556-7404

### Naval Base Coronado

318 Saufley Rd.  
Bldg. 318  
San Diego, CA  
(619) 545-6701



San Diego Military Outreach Ministries (MOM) is a community supported charity that reaches out to young enlisted military families (E-5 and below and wounded warriors) in San Diego with a broad range of helping services. Among the services listed below, they also host regular motivational briefings on base.

(For more details, visit [www.sandiegomom.org](http://www.sandiegomom.org), or call (619) 461-4164.



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... to include diaper bags filled with personal items



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\*\*\*Celebrating Young Military Families\*\*\*





# Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society



The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors when in need and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

**Our Vision:** We are a private, non-profit, volunteer, service organization. As a Center of Excellence, we are committed to ensure that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the Naval Services - active, retired, and their eligible family members to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs.

## NMCRS San Diego, FSO

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society  
Bldg. 270, 3115 Dolphin Alley; PO Box 131470

Naval Base San Diego  
San Diego, CA 92170

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DSN: 526-8283

Fax: (619) 531-0083

Email: [barry.white@nmcrs.org](mailto:barry.white@nmcrs.org)

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## Navy College Opportunities



Visit your local **Navy College office!** Navy College professionals provide educational services world-wide, anytime, anyplace to Sailors and their families, supporting their life-long learning goals and the Navy's mission. The following link provides information regarding the SOCNAV program and other benefits available to military families. Take full advantage of all of the awesome resources **Navy College** has to offer and go back to school!

Website: [http://www.soc.aascu.org/socnav/Spouses\\_AidResources](http://www.soc.aascu.org/socnav/Spouses_AidResources)





# American Red Cross



As a reminder, the American Red Cross has moved to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services.

All military members and their families can use one number: **877-272-7337 (U.S. Toll Free)** to send an urgent message to a service member. This means that all military members and their families can use this single number to initiate an emergency communication, regardless of where they live.

A call to **877-272-7337** allows Red Cross emergency communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies.

Additional Red Cross services such as case management and emergency financial assistance also are available. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same: calling **877-272-7337** direct, accessing the number through a military operator or calling the local Red Cross station.

*\*For more information about the American Red Cross, and how you can reach out and donate, visit their website at [http:// www.redcross.org/](http://www.redcross.org/) \**





## \*\*\*Upcoming Events\*\*\*

### Trick or Treat Family Festival - Nightmare on 32nd Street

**October 24 • Starts at 2 pm • FREE • NBSD Athletic Fields • 619-556-7444**

Celebrate Halloween with MWR! Bring your family for the Trick or Treat Family Festival. Kids are welcomed to wear their costumes and trick-or-treat throughout the Halloween Trail! Don't forget, kids get a free pumpkin when *(While supplies last)* so get there early! Then stick around and join us as the night come along for a frightful time and walk through our Nightmare Trail! It's NOT for the Faint of Heart!



### Bates Nut Farm Pumpkin Patch Trip

**Sunday, October 25 • 10 am-3 pm • \$5 • 619-545-9576**

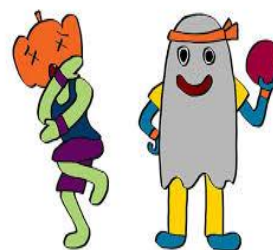
Grab the family and head to the largest pumpkin patch in San Diego. Shuttle leaves from the NASNI, Navy Exchange parking lot. Sign up at the NASNI Ticket Office ITT today! Cost includes transportation, water and snacks. For more details call 619-545-9576.



### NMCS D Halloween Dodgeball Tournament

**Tuesday, October 27 • 4-7 pm • NMCS D Athletic Complex Gym, Bldg. 12 • 619-532-6080**

Awards for the Best Dressed Team and Tournament winner, plus Commander's Cup points for your respective Directorate. Open to all active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD and dependents attached to NMCS D/NBSD. All players must be dressed in Halloween costume to participate.



## **NBPL Trunk or Treat**

**Starts October 30-31 • FREE • NBPL parking lot across from Bldg 210 • 619-553-8280**

Register your car or truck for this Halloween tailgate! It's a safe way for trick-or-treaters to gather goodies from a friendly fleet of parked vehicles. Their trunk-to-trunk travels result in a "boooo"-tiful bounty and loads of fun for the whole family. Decorate your ride and slip into your favorite costume. Vehicle owners must register by Friday, October 23 to reserve a parking spot. No cost to register and participate.



## **Paint-N-Vineyard Night on the Bay**

**Thursday, November 5 • 6:30-9 pm • \$25 • Fiddler's Cove Marina, Coronado • 619-522-8680**

Painting and wine, overlooking the beautiful San Diego Bay!

It's time to get your creative juices flowing as our fun, professional instructor leads you step-by-step through the creation of your own masterpiece. Each participant leaves the event with a finished work of art, created by you! \$25 includes all paint supplies! Feel free to bring your own adult beverages. Limit of 30 participants. Event open to all MWR patrons, 21+. Questions? Contact nbccr@navylifesw.com.



## **NMCSD Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk**

**Friday, November 6 • 11:15 am • FREE • NMCSD Athletic Complex Field, Bldg. 12 • 619-532-6080**

Run/Walk your way to a happy Thanksgiving! All are welcome!

Awards for the top male and female finishers in each age group, 21 & under, 22-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+, plus Commander's Cup points for your respective Directorate. Free T-shirt for the first 150 pre-registered participants. Register today!



**Support the thousands of sailors in the San Diego area by sponsoring programs and events throughout the year.**

**Click the following link for more information:**

**<http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/about/sponsorship/>**



# Detachment ONE

In May, TACRON TWELVE DET ONE left beautiful San Diego to embark on USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) in Sasebo, Japan for Fall Patrol 2015. Even though it was a shorter than normal turn around between detachments for most of DET ONE, the TALONS were ready to begin what promised to be a busy, yet exciting float.

This would not be the typical deployment for the Fall Patrol (which really took place during the summer), as the promised land of Australia lay ahead. Once every two years, those lucky enough to embark on the Fall Patrol get the opportunity to participate in Talisman Sabre, an exercise between the US and Australia, which also means port visits in Australia. Thanks to an impending storm that caused the ship to pull in a day early, the crew spent five days in Perth, where many visited kangaroos at the zoo, took a wine tasting and boat tour, and simply enjoyed the great food and nightlife offered. Additionally, the ship visited Darwin for two days for a working port. We recovered the Marines that had been working hard ashore and spent some time on liberty enjoying the sights and sounds. The TALONS wrapped up a busy and successful Talisman Sabre with zero flight incidents. The ship then headed to Bali, Indonesia, for a port call. After a few interesting days figuring out liberty policies, Sailors and Marines finally headed ashore on liberty boats. Bali was a beautiful island filled with thousands of temples, shopping locales, and great food. Sailors and Marines returned with stories of various adventures around the island, bartering at the shops, and with lots of locally acquired items.

The ship then departed Bali to head for Guam, but enroute King Neptune decided to pay a visit. He could not let the ship pass the equator uncleansed. Thus, the Wog Day ceremony took place, and 14 TACRON Wogs became Shellbacks. After the cleansing, the ship proceeded to Guam for CERTEX. However, two tropical storms impeded operations and ended the fun early. The ship made its way back to Okinawa as scheduled, and ended what was an extremely busy, yet rewarding float.

## **So what else did the TALONS of DET ONE achieve?**

### **17 TOTAL QUALIFICATIONS!**

- (2) TACCWO: LCDR Kontek, LCDR Colwell
- (3) TACCSUP: AC2 Longshore, AC2 Goldschmidt, AC3 Parker
- (2) TAD/TATC: AC2 Doxey, AC3 Parker
- (1) FADIZ: OS1 Shelton
- (1) ID Ops: OSSN Oberg
- (6) Status Board: AC2 Morningstar, AC2 Doxey, ACAN Martinez, OS1 Shelton, OS2 Mora, OSSN Oberg
- (2) HR/TR: AC2 Morningstar, OS1 Shelton

# Detachment ONE cont.

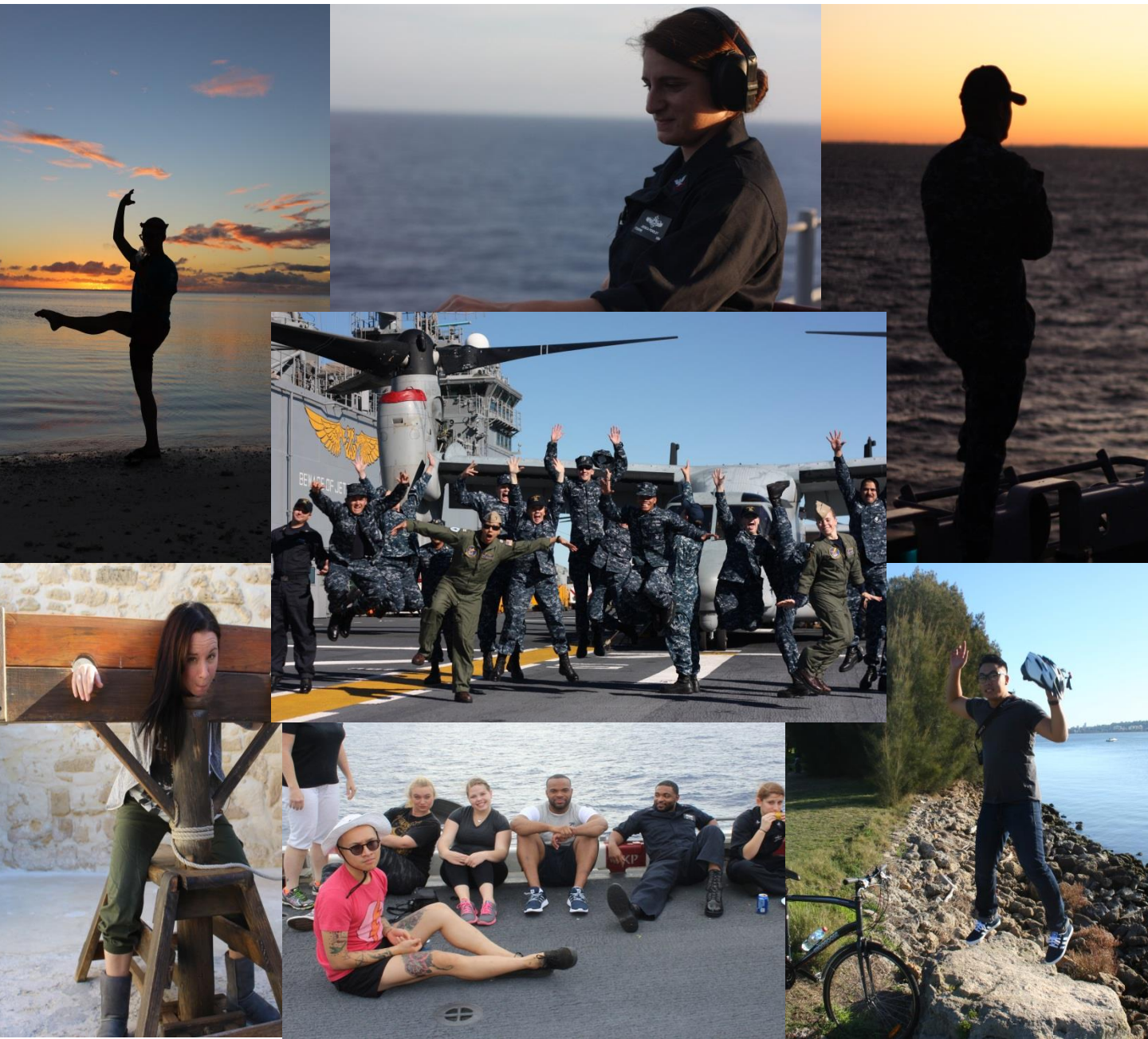
## 15 WARFARE PINS!

(7) EAWS: AC2 Longshore, AC2 Coakley, AC3 Parker, AC3 Ramirez, AC3 Hill, OS2 Mora, OS2 Rubin

(6) ESWs: AC1 Ramirez, AC2 Doxey, OS2 Colasito, OSSN Oberg, IT2 Pendley, YN3 Santana

(2) ESWs Requal: OS1 Shelton, OS2 Rubin

CONGRATS ON A SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT AND WELCOME HOME!





# ERT Mission

By: LT Kane

Talons from TACRON Eleven and TACRON Twelve participated in an Expeditionary Response Team Exercise (ERT-EX) in Warner Springs, September 15-17. SERE instructors from FASOTRAGRUPAC taught lessons ranging from land navigation, combat first aid, food and water procurement, and basic survival training. ERT members practiced landing zone briefs and worked a robust simulated scenario of controlling aircraft. Pilots from TACRON Twelve assumed the roles of various fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft types and each was given the opportunity to talk on the radio and follow procedures for controlling aircraft in an austere environment.



For some Talons this was their first time living outdoors and sleeping in a tent. On day one, unusual for September, a storm came through and rained for most of the afternoon, but teamwork prevailed and the Talons were able to set up a command tent to keep them dry. ERT

members ate MREs for each meal. Due to the wet conditions they were able to practice making fires. Normally when the weather is dry making fires is prohibited.

After practicing day land navigation, the Talons were given instruction in night navigation. For a culminating navigation event, on the final day of training, SERE instructors drove the students out to a random location in the field and they were charged with navigating back to camp.



Overall the training was successful because ERT members were able to familiarize themselves basic survival skills and field living, along with the gear they would use in an exercise or real-world scenario. This training should continue so that ERT members are not only familiar with their mission, but proficient if they ever deploy in this capacity.

# Welcome Aboard

LCDR GILL	AC1 BASS	ACAN BRYAN
LCDR JOHNS	PS1 SCOTT	OSSN REYNOLDS
LCDR THERIOT	AC1 ZAMINPA	ACAN SCRUSE
LTJG WILLIAMS	OS2 COWAN	ACAN WELCH
ACC CAMP	AC2 PACHECO	ACAA GARBER
ACC CAMPOS	AC2 WILLIAMS	OSSR AUSTIN
ACC PHELAN	AC3 MORELAND	ACAR SCOTT

## Fair Winds and Following Seas

ITC CASTROLUNA	OS2 JOHNSON
AC1 GRABER	AC2 PHILLIPS
OS2 DYER	AC2 STEWART
AC2 HALL	ACAR GOMEZ

## Awards

### NAVY/MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

ITC CASTROLUNA  
AC1 MURPHY

### JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

AC1 MURPHY

### NAVY/MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

AC1 MURPHY  
OS2 DYER  
AC2 NATIVIDAD  
AC2 PHILLIPS

### FLAG LETTER OF COMENDATION

AC1 MURPHY  
AC3 PARKER  
AC3 RAMIREZ

### GOOD CONDUCT

YNC VOYCE  
OS2 COLASITO  
AC2 EPPS  
AC2 JONES  
IT2 PENDLEY  
CS3 HOLLEY



## SAILOR OF THE YEAR

AC1 MURPHY

### JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR

OS2 JOHNSON

### BLUE JACKET OF THE YEAR

YN3 QUINONOS

## SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

IS1 ROY

### JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

IT2 BRICKER

### BLUE JACKET OF THE QUARTER

OSSN OBERG

## SAILOR OF THE MONTHS

### JULY

IS2 BEYER

### AUGUST

AC2 LONGSHORE

### SEPTEMBER

AC3 PARKER

## COMMAND ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (CAP)

AC1 MURPHY

AC2 PHILLIPS

# Rain Or Shine



Top Left to Right: CS1 Taylor, IS2 Venzant, IS3 Beyer, CDR Phillips, IS1 Richardson, AC2 Stewart,  
AC3 Crowell, OS2 Hodges

Bottom Left to Right: OS2 Wilken, IS1 Powell, AC3 Brown, IS1 Roy

With another season complete, we know now that nothing can hold our guys down. Whether it's 100 degrees outside, or raining cats and dogs, you can find TACRON Twelve's TALONS tearing up the football field competing to be **NUMBER ONE!**



# TALON TIMES

## G\*A\*L\*L\*E\*R\*Y



CS2 Smith showing off her baking skills



YN3 Santana enjoying a beautiful day in Bali.



Just another day volunteering for  
IT2 Wells and OS2 Tran



OS2 Hodges, IS1 Powell, and OS2 Harris showing  
their acts of selflessness

# UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

## OCT

CAPT Lobpries  
LTJG Williams  
OS1 Morgan  
AC1 Sonttag  
CS1 Taylor  
AC1 Zamarripa  
AC2 Bolosan  
AC2 Darrough  
AC2 Epps  
OS2 Hodges  
AC2 Johnson  
AC2 Onevantana  
AC2 Partlow  
AC2 Seaton  
CS2 Smith  
YN3 Santana  
ACAN Zavala

## NOV

CDR Phillips  
LCDR Colwell  
ACC Camp  
OSC Nunn  
ACC Phelan  
AC1 Bass  
IS1 Spikes  
AC2 Shouse  
AC2 Torres  
AC3 Hill  
YN3 Quinonos

## DEC

LCDR Nichols  
LCDR Safron  
ACAN Menedez  
OS2 Souder  
PS1 Scott



# Happy Birthday, TALONS



# **TALON TIMES:** **CLOSING REMARKS**

**First of all, I would like to say “Welcome Aboard” to all of our new sailors. This is a one of a kind command with great expectations, and I can’t wait to see all the new endeavors brought to the squadron. I would also like to welcome home Det ONE, as well as congratulate them on their amazing accomplishments while out on USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6). TACRON continues to excel and I expect nothing less for both afloat and ashore.  
**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, TALONS!****

*TALON Times Newsletter Editors: IT2 Pendley & IT2 Wells*

